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### THE WILL OF JOHN FROMOND, BENEFACCTOR TO WINCHESTER COLLEGE.

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JOHN FROMOND, whose very curious will we have now the pleasure of laying before our readers, through the kindness of the Reverend the Warden of Winchester College, among the archives of which it is preserved, was the founder of that beautiful Chantry Chapel which stands in the area of the College Cloisters, and is now used as a library. Of the testator himself little is known. His will shows him to have been an extensive landowner, and that some of his possessions had descended to him from his ancestors, as it speaks of lands and tenements in Sparsholt, Stokebridge, and Sombourne, which had belonged to his grandfather Richard Fromond. He was in the employment, and appears to have won the confidence and favour of William of Wykeham, who in 1392 appointed him to the office of Bailiff of the Manor of Waltham, as appears by the following instrument, recorded in the Register of that prelate. (Pars secunda fol. cclj. verso.)

“ Williaam, par la suffrance de Dieu Evesque de Wyncestre, à toutz ses amys et bien voillantz et a toutz ses tenantz frankes, et autres que cestes lettres verront ou orrount, salutz en Dieu. Sachez nous avoir ordeinez et faitz nostre chiere et bien amé John Fromond baillif de nostre Manoir et seignorie de Waltham ou toutes les membres appertenantz à ycelles, a gardez et governer nos terres, fines, hundredes, et fraunchises, et nos courtes tenir et pursueire, et chalanz toutes les droitures et fraunchises appertenantz à nostre Egglise de Wyncestre, et à Manoir susdictie, en toutz lieux, pour le temps quils plest a nous. Et pour ces prions à noz amys et bien voillantz, et commandons à toutz noz tenautes frankes et autres, que à dit Johnnes choses susdictes soiez entendantz, conseillantz, et responantz, en due manere à tout ces que à dit office appartient. En tesmoignance de quelle chose nous luy avons faite ces noz lettres, scallez de nostre seal. Don à nostre chastell de Farnham le ij<sup>de</sup> jour de Janver l'an du regne nostre seigneur le Roy Richard II<sup>de</sup> xv, et de nostre cons' xxv.”

He is generally reputed to have been afterwards Steward to William of Wykeham, but I am unable to find any authority for this assertion. He was, however, Steward to the College, and seems to have attended to its affairs with great zeal and fidelity, doubtless from feelings of gratitude and reverence for its great founder, his own early friend. This feeling was proved by the liberal benefaction which he bestowed on the college, and which is in part continued to this day, since it is to him that the sixteen choristers, maintained in the College, are indebted for their clothing. The chantry is of course suppressed, as is also that which he founded in the parish church of his village of Sparsholt, situate about three miles northwest of Winchester. There can be little doubt that the altar of St. Catherine, to which he attached his chaplain, was placed at the east end

of the south aisle of that church, and that the aisle itself was the work of Fromond. If so, his liberality there has not been wholly lost.

The chapel founded by Fromond within the enclosure of the cloisters of the College at Winchester has been so fully described by others, that it would be superfluous to speak of it here. But it may not be uninteresting to describe somewhat in detail the particulars of his foundation; which may help to illustrate some curious features in the habits and religious notions of our forefathers. It will be observed that in his will, dated 1420, the year of his death, Fromond bequeathed to the Warden and Scholars of Winchester College certain rents and tenements in the city and soke of Winchester, for the purchase of clothes for their choristers, and a moiety of his Manor of Aldyngton (now written Allington), after the death of his wife Matilda, for the purpose of celebrating his anniversary every year within the College; and for paying those who should be present at the mass on that day a certain sum of money, according to their rank in the College; also for providing a pittance in the hall; and for the further purpose of sustaining a chaplain to celebrate mass in the place where the bodies of himself and his wife should be buried. This chaplain was also to take his part in the ordinary services of the College Chapel. Such are the provisions of the will, so far as concerns the benefaction to Winchester College, which alone it is proposed to notice. They appear not to have been carried out until 1446, in which year, his wife being then dead, a deed was executed by Robert Thurbern, Warden, and the Fellows and Scholars of Winchester College, in which, after referring to the will of John Fromond, and acknowledging his long and faithful services as Steward of the College, it was stipulated for them, and their successors for ever, that they would find a chaplain, for the purposes contemplated by the testator, in the chapel within the cloisters of their College, where himself and his wife Matilda had been buried. This is an important fact in the history of this beautiful chapel, inasmuch as it enables us to fix more accurately the date of its construction. It is not mentioned, although its construction seems to have been contemplated in Fromond's will. We shall perhaps not be wrong, then, in attributing the actual building of it to his wife Matilda, or to her and her co-executors, who were empowered by the will to dispose of the residue of the personal estate in works of charity to the praise and honor of God, for the health of his own soul, that of his wife, their parents, ancestors, benefactors, and of all the faithful departed, as they would answer for it in the day of judgment. It is stated in the deed of 1446 that this chapel had been sumptuously constructed out of the proceeds of the estates of John Fromond. This may have been accomplished after the death of his wife, as the moiety of the manor was granted to the College only in reversion after her death. It seems most likely perhaps that the chapel itself was erected after her death, under the directions of the Warden, Robert Thurbern, over the ground, which contained the bodies of Fromond and his wife. All indications of the exact spot of their place of sepulture have long disappeared in the complete destruction of every thing that would mark the building as a chapel. But there is a stone over the entrance door in the interior, protruding in a strange manner upon the central lights of the west window, which has much resemblance to the front of a tomb, and is, to all appearance, out of place in its present position. This stone may have been a part of the tomb of the founder of the chapel. It is sufficiently curious to justify an attempt to describe it, though words, without a

representation, will not convey a clear idea of it. The slab is divided into four quatrefoiled compartments, each 1 foot 4 in. square, the length of the stone being about 6 feet. In the first compartment on the left, looking towards the stone, is a grotesque figure, resembling a lion with a human head crowned ; and a band, passed round the neck and over the back, is suspended a shield bearing the arms of Fromond, *azure*, a chevron *or*, between three fleurs de lys *argent*. In the second is a heart ensigned with a mitre encircled by a wreath of roses. In the third is a winged monster, half eagle, half lion ; it is represented as having the tail apparently of a dragon in its beak, and trampling on the body, while one of the hind feet is being bitten by the monster. In the fourth is a grotesque figure, a wodewose possibly, half man, half beast, the upper half clothed in a shaggy garment, and with a singular cap on the head. It is blowing a trumpet, which is held in the right hand, while the left hand carries an axe uplifted over the back, and the arms of Fromond on a square-shaped shield hang at the side.

The chaplain was to receive ten marcs a year, and it was provided that he should not reside within the College, but in some honest place. For this stipend he was to say mass three times a week at least, in the said chapel, and besides that to take a part on all Sundays and Holydays in chanting and singing psalms, and in all masses, processions, and canonical hours (matins in the winter excepted), in like manner as the other chaplains in surplice and habit like them, but of his own providing (*de propriis*), in the choir of the College chapel ; for which purpose he was to have a stall assigned to him. Besides the support of this chaplain, the College further agreed to give out of the proceeds of the manor and tenements to each of the choristers of the College, sixteen in number, on the Feast of the Nativity, every year, three yards of broad-cloth, of seven quarters wide, or six and a half at the least, of a dark colour, different from that worn by the scholars.

Moreover, it was agreed that on the 20th day of November, in each year, or, if any impediment should occur on that day, then on the earliest possible day after it, the obit or anniversary of the deaths of John and Matilda Fromond should be solemnly kept in the choir of the chapel, in the manner and order following, viz. : That solemn funeral rites (*exequie*) should be celebrated the night before, and on the Morrow commendations and the mass of requiem ; and that the Warden, if he were present and should celebrate mass, or if absent for any just and lawful reason, should receive 3*s.* 4*d.* ; each fellow and conduct chaplain 2*s.* ; the schoolmaster 1*s.* ; the hostiarius 8*d.* ; each chapel clerk 4*d.* ; each scholar 2*d.* ; each chorister 1*d.* ; and that a pittance should be provided in the common hall (*in communi* in the indenture, *per totam aulam* in the will) for the Warden, Fellows, Chaplains, Scholars, and Choristers, on which 13*s.* 4*d.* should be expended. If the rents of the manor and tenements should decrease and become insufficient for these purposes, then first the pittance was to be withdrawn, and next the distribution of money among the Warden and the others, next the cloth of the choristers, and last of all the stipend of the chaplain. For the due performance of all these engagements the Warden and Fellows bound themselves in a penalty of 5*l.*, to be paid in equal portions to the Bishop of Winchester, and the College of St. Mary of Winton in Oxford, in case of neglect or omission.

Such were the obligations entered into by the Warden and College, to

carry out the objects of Fromond's will. His chaplain is suppressed ; but the beautiful little chapel in which he officiated is in existence ; and, since it can no longer be used for the purpose for which it was originally destined, it has been converted into a library. The memory of its founder is still respected in the list of benefactors ; while the choristers, in their dark-brown dresses, continue to recall to our minds his thoughtfulness and care for them.

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In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, Johannes Fromond de Spersholt prope Wynton xiii<sup>mo</sup> die Novembris, Anno Domini Mcccc. xx<sup>mo</sup>, sane memorie, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam Deo, beate Marie Matri sue, et omnibus sanctis ejus ; corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in medio cimiterii Collegii beate Marie prope Wynton. Item, lego x<sup>li</sup>. pro missis celebrandis et inter pauperes distribuendas die sepultura mee ad orandum pro anima mea, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Item, lego Abbatii et Conventui de Hyda c<sup>s</sup>., Priori et Conventui Sancti Swithuni c<sup>s</sup>., Custodi, Sociis, et Scolaribus Collegii Beate Marie prope Wynton x. marcas, Priori et Fratribus Kalendar' Wynton xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., Capellanis et Clericis domus Sancte Crucis apud Sparkford xx<sup>s</sup>., Capellanis et Clericis Sancte Elizabethae xiii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., Abbatisse et Conventui Monialium Sancte Marie Wynton xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., Abbatisse et Conventui de Romesey xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., ad orandum pro anima mea. Item, lego iiiii<sup>l</sup>. ad distribuendum equaliter inter Fratres quatuor ordinum Wynton commorantes, ad orandum pro anima mea. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Spersholt x<sup>li</sup>, et Vicario ejusdem ecclesie vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., et Clerico parochiali ibidem xl<sup>d</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ibidem xx<sup>s</sup>., ad orandum pro anima mea. Item, lego ecclesie de Mapulderham xx<sup>s</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ibidem xx<sup>s</sup>., et Capellano ibidem parochiali xl<sup>d</sup>., et Clerico ecclesie ibidem xii<sup>d</sup>., fabrice ecclesie de Petresfeld xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., et Capellano parochiali ibidem ii<sup>s</sup>., fabrice ecclesie de Katerington xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ibidem vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., et Vicario ejusdem ecclesie ii<sup>s</sup>., et Clerico parochiali vi<sup>d</sup>., ad orandum pro anima mea. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Waltham vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., et Capellano parochiali ibidem ii<sup>s</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie parochiali de Derle xl<sup>d</sup>., et fabrice Capelle de Aldyngton xl<sup>d</sup>., Abbatii et Conventui de Dureford xx<sup>s</sup>., Priori et Conventui de Mottesfont xx<sup>s</sup>., fabrice ecclesie de Elyngge xx<sup>s</sup>., et Vicario ejusdem ecclesie xl<sup>d</sup>., ad orandum pro anima mea. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Depeden xl<sup>s</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ibidem xxvi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Lymington vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., fabrice ecclesie de Milford vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., et Vicario ejusdem ecclesie xl<sup>d</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ejusdem parochie xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Milton xl<sup>s</sup>., et Capellano ibidem ii<sup>s</sup>., et Clerico ejusdem parochie xii<sup>d</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ejusdem parochie xl<sup>s</sup>. Item, lego Priori et Conventui de Christi Ecclesia et Vicario ibidem vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., et fabrice pontis ibidem c<sup>s</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Soppele xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>., et Vicario ibidem xl<sup>d</sup>., et Clerico parochiali ibidem xii<sup>d</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ejusdem parochie xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego Vicario de Romesey et Capellano ibidem xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Hoghton vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>., et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos

ibidem vi<sup>s</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Longestoke xl<sup>d</sup>, et Johanni Maschall Vicario ibidem vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Stokbrug xii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>, et Capellano parochiali ibidem xl<sup>d</sup>, et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ibidem x<sup>s</sup>, unde Clerico parochiali xi<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Sombourne Regis xiiii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>, et Vicario ibidem vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>, et ad distribuendum inter Clericum parochie et pauperes tenentes meos ibidem xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Stratfeldsay vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>, et ad distribuendum inter pauperes tenentes meos ejusdem parochie xiiii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Worthy Mortymer xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie Sancti Bartholomei de Hyda xl<sup>d</sup>, et Vicario ejusdem ecclesie ii<sup>s</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Craule vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>, et Capellano parochiali ibidem ii<sup>s</sup>, et Clerico parochiali ibidem vi<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Farle Chamberlayn vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>, et Rectori ibidem xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice ecclesie de Lytelton ii<sup>s</sup>. Item, lego duabus ecclesiis in Soca Wynton vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item lego Johanni Mark capellano vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego fabrice hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste Wynton vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego ad distribuendum inter leprosos beate Marie Magdalene Wynton vi<sup>s</sup>. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego prisonibus de Wolvesey xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego prisonibus in gaola domini Regis Wynton xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego Sororibus beate Marie Wynton xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, Sororibus Spitule Sancti Swithuni Wynton xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego Custodi, Sociis, et Scolaribus Collegii Sancte Marie prope Wynton et eorum successoribus omnia tenementa mea et omnes redditus meos in civitate Wynton et in Soca ejusdem civitatis, pro indumentis emendis ad choristas Collegii predicti in perpetuum. Item, mea voluntas est ut Custos, Socii, et Scolares Collegii predicti et eorum successores habeant et teneant in perpetuum medietatem manerii de Aldyngton cum suis pertinentiis, quondam Johannis Wodelok, cum post mortem meam et Matildis uxoris mee vacaverit, pro anniversario nostro annuatim in Collegio predicto tenendo; ita quod quilibet Capellanus ejusdem Collegii, qui interfuerit exequiis nostris, et celebraverit missam suam pro nobis die supradicto, recipiat ii<sup>s</sup>. per manus Bursariorum ejusdem Collegii; et quod idem Custos, si missam solemptem pro nobis eodem die celebraverit, recipiat xl<sup>d</sup>; et quilibet clericus sive scolaris ejusdem Collegii, qui interfuerit exequiis et missa predictis, recipiat ii<sup>d</sup>. Et fiat pitancia eodem die in prandio per totam aulam ad valenciam xiiii<sup>s</sup>. iiiii<sup>d</sup>. Et ulterius de exitibus medietatis manerii predicti iidem Custos, Socii, et Scolares et eorum successores annuatim inveniant unum Capellatum idoneum celebrantem pro animabus nostris, ubi corpora nostra quiescant, cui predicti Bursari quilibet anno solvent, vel solvi facient, x. marcas; et quod predictus Capellanus veniat ad servicium et horas canonicas in choro Collegii predicti, ad legendum et psallendum secundum quod predicti Custos et Socii et eorum successores ei assignaverint, si expediens eis videatur: et quod idem Capellanus sit remotivus, tocens quo ciens necesse fuerit, ad voluntatem dictorum Custodis et Sociorum et eorum successorum. Et quod iidem Bursari, qui pro tempore fuerint, de residuo exituum medietatis manerii predicti solvent annuatim pro integra liberata dictorum Choristarum redditus et proficia tenementorum, tam in Wyntonia quam in Soca predicta, [si?] ad plenam liberatam semel in annis [?] sufficere non potest; ita quod quilibet Chorista capiat ad minus pro liberata sua tres virgas lati panni, et alterius coloris quam scolares. Et Episcopus Wyntoniensis, qui pro tempore fuerit, in defectu hujusmodi Capellani alium idoneum Capellatum ad Cantariam predictam presentare potest, si per mensem vacaverit. Item, mea voluntas

est quod post mortem meam et Matildis uxoris mee, quoad omnia terras et tenementa nostra que habemus in Spersholt, Sombourne, et Stokbrug, que quondam fuerunt Ricardi Fromond avi mei predicti Johannis, quod Johannes Esteney et heredes sui ea habeant et teneant in perpetuum sub hac conditione, quod idem Johannes Esteney et heredes sui inveniant unum Capellanum idoneum in Ecclesia Sancti Stephani de Spersholt cotidie celebrantem ad altare Sancte Katerine pro animabus nostris, predicti Johannis Fromond et Matildis uxoris mee, ac Stephani Fromond, Ricardi, Alicie, Nicolai de Marisco, Matildis, Johannis Fromond, Alicie, Nicholai, Roberti, Willelmi, Johannis, Johanne, Ricardi atte Hangre, Alianore, Ricardi de Farnhall et Alicie, Ricardi, Roberti Markhaunt, et omnium aliorum parentum et benefactorum nostrorum, recipiendo annuatim pro stipendio suo x. marcas de terris ac tenementis que fuerunt Richardi Fromond in Spersholt, Sombourne, et Stokbrug. Et, deficiente hujusmodi Capellano, Episcopus Wytoniensis, qui pro tempore fuerit, alium idoneum Capellanum ad Cantariam predictam presentabit. Item, do et lego Matildi uxori mee duos ciphos optimos et deauratus cum coopertoriis, duos ciphos stantes de argento meliores cum coopertoriis, unam pixidem pro pulvere deauratum, et vi. pecias planas argenti optimas cum uno coopertorio, ii. salaria de argento optima cum uno coopertorio, iij. ollas de argento, xxviii<sup>or</sup>. cocliaria argenta optima, unum godet cum coopertorio optimum, ad electionem ejusdem Matildis. Item, lego eidem Matildi unum note argento herneisiatum et deauratum, optimum, cum coopertorio. Item, do et lego eidem Matildi omnia vasa mea erea, enea, et lingnia, et omnes pannos meos laneos et lineos, integre ad cameram, pantriam, et aulam pertinentes. Item, lego eidem Matildi unum par vestimentorum optimum cum veteri calice, et unum par vestimentorum pro diebus ferialibus cum tuallis, cruetis, superaltari, et campana. Item, do et lego eidem Matildi omnes multones, matrices, agnos, boves, vaccas, vitulos, equos caretarios, porcos meos, existentes pro husbondria apud Spersholt et Mapulderham. Item, lego eidem Matildi totam partem meam concernentem apparatu corporis et capitis ejusdem Matildis. Item, lego Johanne sorori predicte Matildis, moniali de Romesy, xx<sup>s</sup>, Isabelle Esteny xx<sup>e</sup>, Margerie Kesewyk j. godet de argento cum coopertorio. Item, lego Waltero Pauncefot vij. gobelettes, ita quod semper remaneant heredibus suis. Item, lego Priori Sancti Swithuni Wynton et successoribus suis unum ciphum cum coopertorio deaurato, cum sole chaciatum et ponciatum. Item, lego Abbatii de Hyda et successoribus suis alium ciphum predicto cipho consimilem et ejusdem operis bene deauratum cum coopertorio. Item, lego Custodi Collegii vocati Seynte Marie College of Wynchestre et successoribus suis unum ciphum cum coopertorio, vocatum gobelet, bene deauratum. Item, lego Johanni Forest Domino Sancte Crucis et successoribus suis unum ewer deauratum, ij. crewetts, j. paxbred de argento. Item, lego Johanni Esteny j. peciam argenti, Nicholao North clericu j. peciam argenti, Willelmo Chaundler j. salare argenti, Thome Weston unum note argento ligatum cum cooperculo ad idem. Item, lego Waltero Sandes chir' j. ciphum argenteum cum cooperculo, ponciatum cum stellis in nubibus. Item, lego Collegio beate Marie prope Wynton j. antephonarium novum non ligatum, et unum calicem novum cum casula ad eundem. Item, lego Andree Russyngton x. li., et unum ciphum argenteum cum cooperculo. Item, lego Johanni Hampton unum ciphum argenteum cum cooperculo. Item, lego Johanni Halle de Burgate unum ciphum bonum, et alterum quasi novum cum cooperculo, quorum parcelle deaurate. Item,

lego Johanni Harries uuum ciphum alterum cum cooperculo, quasi novum, quorum parcellae deaurate. Item, lego Johanne que fuit uxor Willelmi Oysell unum ciphum alterum argenteum cum cooperculo, quondam Thome Warener. Item, de illis sex peciis, vocatis Turdenerres, [?] lego Willelmo Rystor de Eldon unam peciam argenti planam, Johanni Philip unam peciam argenti planam, Ricardo Leeford unam peciam argenti planam, Willelmo Escote unam peciam argenti planam, Johanni Mottesfont unam peciam argenti planam, Johanni Kebbell de Lokerle unam peciam argenti planam. Item, lego Ricardo Wallop unum ciphum argenti planum cum cooperculo meliorem; Ricardo Seman clericu meo c<sup>s</sup>. et vj. coeliaria argentea, remanentia apud Haywode, cum mappis, lectis, ollis, patellis, et omnibus aliis catallis meis ibidem existentibus. Item, lego Elene Bygge v. marcas. et vj. coeliaria argentea. Item, lego Thome Weston servienti meo xx<sup>s</sup>. et vj. coeliaria argentea, et unum ciphum vocatum Note cum cooperculo deaurato. Item, lego Johanni Brice ballivo meo vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. et unam togam. Item, lego Alicie Brid vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Isabelle Etemete vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Margerie Spede vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Thome Panter vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Willelmo Couk xx<sup>s</sup>. et j. dressour knyf meliorem. Item, lego Rogero Pagetto coquine vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Waltero Carte xl<sup>d</sup>. Ricardo Cornhog xl<sup>d</sup>. Henrico Seviare xl<sup>d</sup>. Henrico Tonck xij<sup>d</sup>. Johanni de Stabulo xx<sup>d</sup>. Thome Trigge barcario ij<sup>s</sup>. Waltero Bronnyng vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Johanni filio ejus xx<sup>d</sup>. Item, de ordinatione mea volo quod Johannes Bygge et Willelmus Lane habeant victimum et vestitum ad totam vitam suam per Matildem uxorem meam. Item, lego utriusque eorum xl<sup>d</sup>. et Johanni Gilput vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego ballivo meo de Mapulderham xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, lego xs<sup>s</sup>. ad distribuendum equaliter inter servientes meos apud Mapulderham. Item, lego Henrico Potte firmario meo de Henton Markaunt vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Johanni Cole firmario de Henton Bourhounte vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Johanni Smith firmario de Haywode vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. firmario de Hangre vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. firmario de Depeden Hangre vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. firmario de Depeden Polayn vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. et collectori redditus ibidem xij<sup>s</sup>. iiiij<sup>d</sup>. firmario de Donketon xij<sup>s</sup>. iiiij<sup>d</sup>. firmario de Asshele vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. ballivo meo de Mulford vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. ballivo meo de Farnhull xx<sup>s</sup>. et unam togam, Thome Pantays xx<sup>s</sup>. et unam togam, ballivo meo de Milton et Avene vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Willelmo Brym de Avene, vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. collectori redditus mei de Christi Ecclesia xl<sup>d</sup>. ballivo meo de Hoghton, videlicet Johanni Maud, vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Johanni Cole firmario meo de Stokbrug vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Willelmo Croydon firmario meo de Hoghton Edyngdon vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. et firmario meo de Langestoke, videlicet Thome Aylward, xl<sup>d</sup>. Item, mea voluntas est quod Thomas Weston habeat ad terminum vite sue unum annualem redditum xxii<sup>s</sup>. de redditu meo in Waltham et Claverle; et quod Ricardus Seman clericus meus habeat ad terminum vite sue unum annualem redditum quinque marcarum de et in manerio meo de Haywode. Et residuum omnium bonorum meorum superius non specificatorum, ubique fuerint inventa, debitibus meis et legatis meis persolutis, do et lego Matildi uxori mee et executoribus meis, ut ipsi inde dispensem in operibus caritatis ad laudem et honorem Dei, pro salute anime mee et Matildis uxoris mee, patrum et matrum, parentum, amicorum, et benefactorum nostrorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, sicut in die judicii respondere voluerint. Et ad executionem hujus testamenti fideliter faciendam et exequendam in omnibus supradictis, ordino et constituo executores meos, videlicet Matildem uxorem meam, Magistrum Robertum Thurbern, Johannem Halle de Burgate, Ricardum Wallop, Ricardum

Chedesey, et Ricardum Seman clericum meum. Et volo quod unusquisque predictorum executorum meorum, videlicet, Robertus, Johannes, Ricardus, Ricardus, et Ricardus, qui plenam administrationem testamenti predicti ceperit, capiat pro labore suo xl<sup>s</sup>, et aliter non. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui die et anno supradictis.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, Johanne Langthorn, venerabilis in Christo patris et domini, domini Henrici, Dei gratia Wynton Episcopi, commissario generali, approbatum, insinuatum, legitimeque per nos pronunciatum pro eodem, administratioque omnium bonorum supradictorum testatoris et testamentum quoquomodo concernentium, supradicte Matildi Fromond et Ricardo Seman administrationem hujusmodi sponte admittentibus, primitus in forma juris juratis, reservata potestate administrationem hujusmodi ceteris coexecutoribus suprascriptis committendi, cum venerint, est commissa. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum quo utimur in officio presentibus apponimus. Datum apud Sombourne Regis penultimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini millesimo eccc<sup>mo</sup>. xx<sup>mo</sup>. Sexto decimo die mensis Decembris Anno Domini supradicto Johanni Halle de Burgate et Magistro Roberto Thurbern, executoribus suprasonminatis, primitus in forma juris juratis, administrationem suprascriptorum bonorum commisimus, eandem sponte admittentibus, &c.—Johannes Langthorn.

The seal of the testator is lost; but the seal of the commissary is attached to the will. It is a small oval seal of beautiful design, and represents a penitent kneeling at the feet of St. Catherine, who stands before him, with a crown on her head, her right hand leaning on a sword, the point of which reaches the ground, and with the wheel in her left hand. The legend is, VIRGO DIVINA CLEMENS MICHI SIS KATERINA.

We cannot refrain from expressing deep regret at the untimely decease of our valued friend, to whom we owe the foregoing communication. This painful event occurred whilst this contribution was passing through the press, in consequence of which it has not had the advantage of his final revision.